

REMARKS

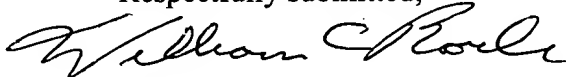
This AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 is filed in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of March 1, 2004 and the outstanding Office Action of May 8, 2003, and is believed to be fully responsive thereto for reasons set forth below in greater detail.

Responsive to paragraph 3 of the Official Action, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, a revised Abstract on a separate sheet is submitted herewith.

The Notice also stated that only the corrected section of the amendment must be resubmitted, and accordingly this Amendment only contains an Amendments to the Specification.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,



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